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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2011-028)

Dear Mr. Edington:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations regarding activities at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Wintersburg, Arizona. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a former contract radiation protection technician at Arizona Public Service Company's Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the alleged discrimination was determined to be not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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